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**PHYSICIAN SENTENCED FOR VIOLATING THE
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ACT AND OBSTRUCTING A
FEDERAL HEALTHCARE INVESTIGATION**

Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today that Jack Heneisen was sentenced on May 17, 2005 in U.S. District Court in Savannah by U.S. District Judge B. Avant Edenfield.

Heneisen, a physician who practiced in Rincon, Georgia, was sentenced to 8 months imprisonment, 3 years of supervised release and a \$30,000.00 fine. Heneisen had earlier pled guilty to charges that he violated Title 21 U.S.C. §§ 829(a), 842(a)(1) and 842(c)(2)(A) by illegally refilling a prescription for a Schedule II controlled substance and violated Title 18 U.S.C. § 1518 by obstructing a federal healthcare investigation. Shortly after entering his guilty plea, Heneisen voluntarily surrendered his license to practice medicine in Georgia.

The investigation into Heneisen's activities began with the execution of a search warrant on Heneisen's practice in Rincon. The search revealed hundreds of blank prescription forms that had been pre-signed by Heneisen and which were in the possession of several employees in Heneisen's practice. Following the search of his office, Heneisen violated federal law by destroying additional pre-signed blank prescription forms that were not discovered by the law enforcement agents during the search.

Heneisen used the pre-signed blank prescription forms to illegally refill prescriptions for Oxycontin, a Schedule II controlled substance. In violation of federal law prohibiting refilling prescriptions for Schedule II controlled substances, Heneisen's patients obtained refills for Oxycontin without being seen in the office by Heneisen or by other medical professionals in his practice.

This case was investigated by Special Agent Jim Cope of the State Drugs and Narcotics Agency, Special Agent David Graupner of the Office of Health and Human Service's Office of Inspector General, Investigator R. J. Dailey of the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office and Diversion Investigator Jo Ann Calano of the Drug Enforcement Administration. Assistant United States Attorney Robert M. Brennan prosecuted the case for the government.

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